

ARGONNE PLAYERS STAGE THEIR SHOW IN GERMAN'S WAKE

Divisional O.D. Troupe Also
Delights Replacements
and Wounded

FIRST VIOLIN POLICES UP

Harry Cahill and Company Find
That Every Man Has His Place
Even in the Army

When the selective draft law touched the young manhood of America on the shoulder, Harry Cahill was doing an eccentric dance in a moribund musical comedy. It was in its last gasp at the Liberty Theater in New York when he was summoned from the stage door to Camp Upton.

He had read a good deal about the selective draft and with what unfeeling discernment it would assign each man to the task for which he would be best fitted; that it would establish in groups a thousand and one different kinds of specialists; that if a man had a last useful to the Army he could stick to it. But certainly Harry Cahill, and probably the writers of all the articles themselves, never dreamed that it would operate as to make him a female impersonator for the duration of the war.

On the day he landed in the Infantry, Cahill little guessed that before he had been many weeks in France they would be issuing him not only "socks, woolen, 3 pairs," but "stockings, long, white, silk." Yet, with orders to behave in as girlish a manner as possible until the completion of this duty, that is precisely what has befallen Pvt. Harry Cahill, Inf.

On Their Own Ground

For Cahill is the ingenue of the theatrical unit called from the 77th Division and assigned to the entertainment of that division until further notice. Recently the troupe was performing in the midst of the Forest of Argonne. It is, and the audience that roared with laughter at each ancient wheeze in the show was a bunch of Infantrymen who could laugh all the more heartily because the show was being given on ground they themselves had wrung by hard, stubborn fighting from the enemy that had held it so many years.

It was even given in a theater built by German hands, for the Forest of Argonne is one of those areas all fitted out by these past masters in the art of being comfortable. Each ravine holds a tier of cottages, each valley has its bowling alley, its swimming pool, its clubhouse, its lawns and its pretty rustic benches. And each valley has its theater.

Any night you could go down five flights of rustic steps, turn to the right and follow the laughter. There, in the heart of the forest, the show was on, though the floor was still stained with blood, where the Germans had hastily transformed their theater into a hospital, and though, in the occasional dramatic pauses of the melodrama, you could hear the distant booming of the guns.

As the 77th Division was drawn, in large part, from New York City itself, Broadway is well represented in all its batons, and it was no hard task to find musicians and singers, comedians, librettists, costumers, everything needed in the show business. A company was organized with a personnel of 30, and when the training period was done, it settled down to the business of amusing the rest.

Shows have been given on trucks, in theaters, in chateaux, in the open air, and given underground. The Infantry, moving across country by train, would find, when they got out to change cars anywhere that the players were there first, ready to do a turn on the station platform. While the troops were in the line the players camped on the edge of the forest, giving shows to the replacements coming in and the wounded coming out. When the troops came out of the line, there was the theatrical unit waiting for them.

The Three Musical E's
Of course the show is good. It ought to be, for all the players are old-timers at their job. The orchestra is wonderful. It ought to be. Didn't the leader once lead the orchestra at Reisenweber's back in New York? Didn't the first violin play at Receptor's? Wasn't the cornetist rapped from the Russian Symphony?

The songs, dashed off in odd moments by Privates Rath and Dubin, are up to the minute. One bouquet along to this refrain: "The drive we started at Chateau-Thierry will finish in Berlin," and another ends with this sad little couplet: "We're going to be home for Christmas, But nobody knows what year."

And listen to this chorus: All for a dollar a day, Kill sixty Germans before you mess, Can't get your hands off killing less, Count all the Germans you slay. Each night before hitting the hay, Then when you're through with your duties, Sit down and count up your cooties, All for a dollar a day.

The playlet in the current show (frequent change of program) may be a little one-act thriller built around the 1917 G.O. which wars against spies, but the jokes are in the third and fourth enlèvement. The more veteran the gags, the better they go.

"See, General, here is a spy." "What kind of a spy?" "A mince-pie." "How do you know he is a spy?" "He has the papers on him." "Has he got the makins'?" "Yes sir, sixty bags of Durham." "My God, the spy is full of bull." It may seem at first blush that the O.D. mummies have an easy assignment, but compared with the job of a troupe that must give two shows a day, rehearse in the mornings on a new one, do all its own bookwork and carry all its own order, the life of the steevedore is a life of flowery ease.

The tenor who, in New York, would probably have swooned away and been unable to sing for a week if his morning bath was not at exactly the required temperature will sleep in a puddle in the Forest of Argonne and yet take his encores unperturbed. The first violin will sweep the stage without a murmur, the leading heavy will make the coffee.

The ingenue, the props, the first base, the low comedian, the second violin and the librettist must all lend their muscles to the task of carrying the piano down a flight of 173 German steps to have it ready for the grand overture. And when the audience has retired to its dugouts and the lights are out, the whole company lies down and goes to sleep on the floor of the theater.

The A.E.F. is the great chastener of temperament.

EVERY CUBIC INCH TO WORK FOR HIM

Christmas Package Engineer Doesn't Allow for
Any Air Space

HOW ABOUT FRENCH KIDS?

Private Suggests Home Bundle
Be Devoted to Someone
Besides Soldier

Christmas package ideas came in in greater volume this week. Just as expected, the A.E.F. was taking plenty of time to think deeply over a vital matter, so that its response during the first week of the ideal package campaign was not over strong numerically.

Things to eat, particularly sweet things, continue to lead in the package suggestions. But before discussing that aspect of the Christmas box to be, we must ask for time out to present an idea that is bound to find a happy echo in more than one soldier's heart.

Writes Private First Class Charles M. Powell, —Engs., Sappers: "I have that microscopic 9x4x3 rectangular Christmas box filled with something that a beautiful little French child would enjoy, and you'll both get a piano box full of happiness out of it."

There's no use in stopping to comment on Private Powell's suggestion. It speaks quite loudly and wholeheartedly for itself.

Box in Two Parts

Here's another suggestion from a Q.M. private who has done a lot of deep thinking:

"Box to be divided in two parts, the top layer to consist of some good American chocolates—no other, as stick candy is to be obtained at reasonable prices at commissaries."

"The bottom layer to consist of razor blades to fit the Army issue razor, a cigarette lighter—nothing high priced—a pencil or two, a few cookies like macaron snaps—something hard and unbreakable—and a couple of cigarette papers. If any room is left they know his friends."

"Donate your summer's knitting to the Red Cross," he advises the folks back home, "and they will see that we are taken care of. No smokes of any kind, as they are much cheaper for us here than for the people at home, and cigarette holders are of no use to the boys over here."

If scientific packing were ever applied to any package anywhere, it ought to be employed to make the 9x4x3 bundle as cram full of things as a pile driver can make it. Here is a man, a sergeant in the Q.M. corps, who has got every one of the 108 cubic inches present and accounted for.

"In order to cover the most possible requirements of the boys over here, I recommend that the folks back home be asked to send the following in the 108 cubic inches at their disposal:

	Cubic Inches
20 Candles, silver wrapped.....	25
1 Box sweet biscuits.....	25
1 Small can jam.....	25
1 Box figs.....	12
1 Quantity shelled nuts.....	15
1 Supply cotton, needles, shirt, underwear and pants buttons.....	1
1 Dozen razor blades, popular brand.....	1
1 Face cloth.....	1
3 Handkerchiefs, khaki.....	8
Space for sundries.....	7
Total.....	108

Speaking of Old Times

A soldier in an Aero Construction Squadron voices his complaint over the non-shipment of seven packages which he knows were started on the way to him and wants to know what good the 9x4x3 idea will be to anyone if the package never reaches the hands of the man for whom it was intended.

Far less difficulty will be experienced this year than last for the following reasons:

The whole package plan has been thoroughly systematized. As there will be but one package to a man, and as all the packages will be uniform in size, the handling of packages can be speeded and the transportation required to get them to various units figured to a nicety.

No package will be accepted in the United States which is in danger of coming apart on the voyage, so that the number of packages lost through accident should be reduced to a minimum.

Smaller in Number and Weight
The sum total of packages and their combined weight should be far lower than last year. Last Christmas—or, if time thereafter—soldiers were few and far between who did not receive at least three or four packages whose total weight was at least 25 pounds.

The plan of THE STARS AND STRIPES, as previously announced, is simply to make up, from the lists sent in by members of the A.E.F., several ideal packages to guide home selection.

These suggestions are to be cabled home for publication in ample time to be acted on before the closing date for delivery of packages to local postmasters—November 20.

IF YOU ALLOT TOO MUCH

If your C.O., through a misunderstanding of the War Risk Insurance act's requirements, has gipped you out of more of your pay than he ought to, this is what he is to do, at your request, according to the terms of Bulletin No. 78, G.H.Q.:

He is to file a request with the Quartermaster General through military channels asking for permission to refund to you the amount due, setting forth all the facts in the case in full. This request will be forwarded to the bureau of War Risk Insurance, with a further request that a statement of the payments made to your allottee be given in detail by endorsement on the original request. Then the papers will be returned to the Quartermaster General.

The Quartermaster General, then, with all the facts before him, can authorize your C.O. to refund to you any amount over and above the payments made by the War Risk Insurance bureau to your allottee.

FIELD CLERKS' DEPENDENTS

Army field clerks and field clerks, Quartermaster Corps, are entitled to the benefits of the act of Congress of April 15, 1918, which authorizes the payment of commutation of quarters, heat and light on account of dependents. A War Department cablegram (2026-R) has advised G.H.Q. of this ruling, which is set forth in Bulletin No. 78.

"My Haislon always gets very bad toward the first of the month."

"How's that?"

"Can't make both ends meet."

INCOME TAX ISSUE IN COMING ELECTION

Certain Clauses Likely to
Figure in Short Congressional
Campaign

NATION'S EYE ON N. Y.

Upstate Democrats Seem United
for Smith, but Republicans Are
Registering Heavily

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, Oct. 24.—The Congressional election campaign will begin at once, now that the Liberty Loan campaign is out of the way.

The Republicans will make an intensive drive to gain the majority in the lower house. Republican leaders on the floor of the Senate and elsewhere have formulated decisive views on peace and after-war settlements and the various utterances by various leaders in and out of office are so nearly identical and agree so thoroughly in tendency and principle that it would seem as if these statements were intended to strike the keynote on which the fight for Congressional seats is to be conducted.

The past week has, however, brought such continual and sensational shifts in the aspect of world affairs, and the situation promises so many other sudden and startlingly unexpected phases and occurrences, that the difficulty and risk of resting a nationwide political campaign on so confused a political issue is apparent.

Certain of the income tax clauses in the great revenue bill will presumably be used as campaign issues. The bill has not yet emerged from the Senate, and while the Administration urgently requests its immediate passage, there are many prophecies that it will not pass until considerably after the coming elections.

The greatest national interest in the coming campaign is how New York will go. The Republicans claim that Governor Whitman will carry the State by a quarter million votes. The Democrats claim a victory for Smith by from 100,000 to 300,000. One important point that appears reasonably sure is that the upstate Democrats are unusually united for Smith and apparently city and State will work hand in hand. Certain rock-ribbed Republican counties, however, have shown amazing increases in registration, so that at the opening of the short campaign it looks like anybody's race.

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One or More Written Con-
firmations Needed to
Establish Victory

American aviators who force enemy airplanes or balloons to land or fall within the American lines or who destroy them in enemy territory as a result of aerial combat are to be credited with wins, according to Bulletin 76, G.H.Q. However, enemy airplanes forced to land on enemy territory as the result of combat, and which make normal landings, will not be considered as having been brought down, and will, therefore, not count as wins.

In order that official credit may be given to American aviators for German craft brought down, one or more written confirmations, in addition to the reports of the combatants themselves, must be made to the proper authority.

The persons who may submit such confirmations are: Pilots or observers who were observers of the combat; pilots or observers who saw on the ground, or the point stated by those who claimed the victory, debris from the enemy aircraft brought down; balloon observers who witnessed the fact; observers at anti-aircraft observation posts; and ground observers of any sort. In addition, the declarations of enemy prisoners may be submitted.

Share for Everyone

The bulletin further provides that enemy aircraft brought down and confirmed should be credited to every one who has contributed to the result. Thus the pilot of a monoplane machine gets the credit for his victory; both the pilot and the observer of a biplane machine get credit; and in airplanes that carry more than two in the crew, the pilots and such observers and machine gunners as took actual part in the combat that brought down the enemy plane get credit.

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